

# Cultural Interactions

A responsible citizen understands the various cultural influences that affect our lives, nation, and world today. You will choose members of one cultural group that reside, or have resided, in two regions or countries and analyze the contributions they have made, the economic success they have had, and the level of social and political participation they have attained.

## Your Task

**In a cohesive paper or presentation, you will:**

- Introduce the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives.
- Provide background on the cultural group by explaining how people from that group have come to live in two places.
- State a claim about why the people in one subset of the cultural group fared better in one region over another.
- Provide reasons for your claim, supported by evidence, including:
  - A comparison of the cultural group's economic success in each region/country with one or more similarities and/or differences.
  - A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region/country with one or more similarities and/or differences.
  - A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region/country with one or more similarities and/or differences.
- Cite specific textual evidence from at least three credible sources that provide relevant information.

## Cultural Interactions Rubric

Score	4	3	2	1
Background	I thoroughly introduced the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives, and I provided background on a cultural group by explaining how people from that group came to live in two places.	I accurately introduced the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives, and I provided background on a cultural group by explaining how people from that group came to live in two places.	I accurately introduced the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives, or I provided background on a cultural group by explaining how people from that group came to live in two places.	I included, but did not accurately introduce, the concept of how cultural influences affect our lives, or I provided background on a cultural group by explaining how people from that group came to live in two places.
Claim	I thoroughly stated a claim about why people in one subset of the cultural group fared better in one region over another.	I accurately stated a claim about why people in one subset of the cultural group fared better in one region over another.	I stated a claim about only one subset of the cultural group.	I explained differences between the two subsets of the cultural group, but I didn't state a claim about why people in one subset fared better in one region over another.
Evidence & Reasoning	<p>I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evidence; I included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's economic success in each region or country, with two or more similarities and/or differences.</li> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region or country, with two or more similarities and/or differences.</li> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region or country, with two or more similarities and/or differences.</li> </ul>	<p>I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evidence; I included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's economic success in each region or country, with at least one similarity and/or difference.</li> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region or country, with at least one similarity and/or difference.</li> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region or country, with at least one similarity and/or difference.</li> </ul>	<p>I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evidence; I included two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's economic success in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.</li> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.</li> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.</li> </ul>	<p>I provided reason(s) for the claim, supported by evidence; I included one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's economic success in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.</li> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's political status in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.</li> <li>A comparison of the cultural group's social conditions in each region or country, with one or more similarities and/or differences.</li> </ul>

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Citations	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to four or more credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to three credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to two credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to one credible source that provides relevant information.
Sources	My sources are varied (primary and secondary), represent more than one point of view, and provide in-depth and reliable information.	My sources are varied (primary and secondary) and represent more than one point of view.	My sources are not varied, and they represent one point of view far more than another.	My sources are not varied, and I rely too much on one source for my evidence.

**No Score (NS)** is given if the work is unintelligible, in a language other than English, off topic, off purpose, or copied.